

# WORSHIP WITH US!

Thursdays at 6:00pm w/Communion  
Sundays at 8:00am & 10:30am  
9:15am Sundays - Family Bible Hour for all ages



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## Learning to Give Thanks

At times I walk into a room at home or church, ready to retrieve something, and the moment I enter the room I think to myself, "Now, what did I come in here for?" There are instances when people will share something with me as they leave church, if this is something I think they'd like me to remember, I ask them to give me a call or write it down—otherwise I might forget.

There seems to be a great need for reminders—that's confirmed by the large number of post-it notes that are sold in the office supply section of many stores. For the technically savvy, you have your cell phone to serve as a note pad for those reminders. However, it's been my experience that even though we're reminded to do something that's no guarantee that we'll follow through. For example, how many parents have asked a child to do something—clean a room, take out the trash, or complete a homework assignment—only to find out later that the request was ignored? Adults need to remember that there are times when we fail to follow through on requests that have been made of us at work or at home. We all have the need to be reminded at times.

Thanksgiving Day is a reminder for us to thank God—to thank him for all the blessings of this life. Even though we have this reminder, that's no guarantee that every Christian will take the time to thank the Lord, and I have no doubt our lack of gratitude is just as frustrating to our heavenly Father as the frustration we feel when our children fail to do what we've ask of them.

Truthfully, our natural tendency is a lack of gratitude for all that God has done for us. Because we are born sinful—sinful from the time our

mothers conceived us (*Psalm 51:5*)—this sin is a barrier in our relationship with God and the ability to express gratitude for his many blessings.

So, what's the solution to our attitude of ingratitude? **GOD'S GRACE.** That's what the apostle Paul had come to discover. In 1 Cor 1:4, Paul said, **"I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus."** Paul gave thanks for the grace God gave to the church in Corinth—this was a church that had some serious problems: members of the church were split into factions; sexual immorality was rampant (one member of the church had sexual relations with his stepmother); people were arguing with one another and using the courts to settle their disagreements; drunkenness occurred at the celebration of the Lord's Supper; and there were some in the church who denied the resurrection of Christ. In the midst of their struggles, the grace of God—his undeserved love for sinners—was the cure for all their sins. It's the grace of God that's the cure for all our sins—including our attitude of ingratitude.

God's grace continually reminded Paul to be thankful; this is an ongoing process in the Christian's life. The better we understand what it means to be set free from all sin because of Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection, thankfulness will be our response to life—not just on a national day of Thanksgiving, but in each day of life.

Blessings and peace as you live in thanksgiving for each day of God's grace shown to you.

Pastor Powers

**Financial Information—  
September 2013**



**Financial Report**

	<u>Sept. 2013</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
<b>Income</b>		
Offerings	\$ 23,640.00	\$ 187,116.70
Building Fund	1,514.00	15,207.51
Other	<u>1,224.85</u>	<u>(12,468.66)</u>
Total Income	<u>\$26,378.85</u>	<u>\$189,855.55</u>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Missions and Outreach	\$ 3,333.35	\$ 23,300.00
Salaries and Benefits	15,737.21	45,247.81
Mortgage Payments	2,736.00	21,694.70
Christian Education	251.89	3,982.79
Office and Maintenance	3,301.16	32,874.56
Other	<u>489.10</u>	<u>21,269.06</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 26,648.71</u>	<u>\$ 148,368.92</u>
<b>Net Income (Expense)</b>	<u><b>\$(269.96)</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 41,486.63</b></u>

**Loan Progress Report**

Principal Balance at 8.10.07	\$ 190,000.00
Less: Principal Pmts to Date	<u>(139,025.34)</u>
Principal Balance at 9.27.13	<u>\$ 50,974.66</u>

·The interest rate is 4.875%, fixed for 10 years at a monthly payment of \$950.

·The Church Council has decided that the monthly loan payment should match the monthly contributions whenever giving is greater than \$950.

"We give Thee but Thine own,  
Whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone,  
A trust, O Lord, from Thee."

"And we believe Thy Word,  
Though dim our faith may be:  
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord,  
We do it unto Thee."  
(LSB 781)

**THANKSGIVING SERVICE:**

Because of Christ's blessings to us, it is fitting that we annually observe a day of thanksgiving. This is certainly in accord with the Bible's directive to "give thanks unto the Lord." (Psalm 118:1)

In conformity with this scriptural command, we will hold Thanksgiving service on:

**November 27<sup>th</sup> - Thanksgiving Eve - 6:00pm**

This service is an opportunity to gather your family together to worship and thank the Lord who gave us all good things.

There will be **no service** on Thanksgiving Day.

**SAINTS REMEMBERED**

We will observe "All Saints Day" at all three worship services the first weekend of November. "All Saints Day" on the Christian calendar reminds believers of the faithful departed who are with Jesus in heaven. The contemporary Christian is also reminded that the "best is yet to be" - when Christ comes to take him or her home to heaven. (There's obviously much more to life than the few years granted to each of us on planet earth)! This emphasis will prevail at the October 31<sup>st</sup> service at 6:00; and the 8:00 & 10:30 services on Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>. At those services we will recall those who departed this life to be with Christ during the past year.

**Pastoral Acts:**

**FUNERALS**

Mr. Gary Klumb, Sr.  
Age: 65  
Died: September 25, 2013  
Laid to Rest: September 30, 2013

Mr. John Giefer  
Age: 46  
Died: September 26, 2013  
Laid to Rest: October 4, 2013

**WEDDING**

Alex Jaeger and Amanda Taylor  
October 5, 2013

## Social Activities Group Sponsoring the "Christmas Giving Tree"

The Giving Tree will be going up in the narthex starting Nov. 11th with items for purchase until Dec. 8th. This year's Giving Tree gifts will again be used for families from the Salvation Army of Sheboygan.

This year Our Savior's will be sponsoring 4 families in need. Please take a gift tag or as many as you like and purchase the item(s) on the gift tag and place the donations **Wrapped & WITH the Gift Tag on the package (very important that gift tag is on the package so we know what person and what family the gift goes to also we need you to put the dollar amount on the tag – Salvation Army is requesting this for record purposes).** Place gifts under the Christmas tree or in the red barrel. You will see some tags that have a \$\$ amount on them, please put money and gift tag in an envelope and that money will be combined with other money to get the gift that the child or adult requested. Also, any gift cards please put in an envelope with the gift tag also. Items should be placed under the tree no later than **Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**. If you have any questions, please contact any of the members of the Social Activities Group.

The Social Activities Group wants to thank everyone in advance for their support and outreach for our community.

### Social Activities Group Member:

Robyn Bemowski	Linda Fleck
Gail Hajenga	Marilyn Heling
Nannette Neerhof	Marijo Pitsch
Jane Woodard	Kelly Jaeger
Jean Brauer	Dawn Brauer

### **Newly Elected Leaders**

The voters of Our Savior's have chosen the following people to serve in leadership roles:

President: Eric Brauer

Secretary: Rhonda Schulze

Elders: Tim Hintz, Daryl Jaeger and Don Reznicek and Mike Feudner will share a term

Board of Education: Janine Bergeron, Mary Mickelson

Trustees: Dave Kaboord and Steve Pitsch

Endowment Committee: Nannette Neerhof and Jim Fischer

We ask God's richest blessings on our new leaders and give thanks for the service and dedication of out-going officers.

Newly elected officers and board members will be installed at the late service on January 5<sup>th</sup>

## **OUR SAVIOR'S 2014 WORK PROGRAM**

The 2014 Work Program was voted on at the October 20<sup>th</sup> voters' meeting. It is as follows:

Missions: 31,300

Employee Costs: 166,539

Education: \$7,400

Administration & Maintenance: 56,640

Total: 261,879

We encourage all members to give financial support for the Lord's work by giving your first-fruit, proportionate offerings.

**International Potluck Luncheon . . .** On Sunday, November 3, immediately following late service, the congregation is invited to our very first International Potluck Luncheon in the fellowship hall. The luncheon will include tables featuring German, Italian, Mexican and Chinese food. Guests will be asked to bring a dish to share from one of these ethnic categories. Traditional multi-generational family recipes are welcome. So are brand new recipes you're anxious to try. We'll even have a pinata for the children. Freewill offering. Desserts will be provided by the SAG committee. Sign-up in the narthex beginning Sunday, October 13 - Sunday, October 27. Hope you can join us! If you have any questions, please contact one of the SAG Committee members.

## **Food Pantry News**

Thank you for your recent donations to the food pantry. As fuel costs increase in the cold, and families try to make ends meet, the need from our

neighbors will also increase. Who are our neighbors? The family who experiences a lost income, an individual who becomes ill and has no sick days left. Our neighbor is anyone who Christ puts in our path to quiet their pangs of hunger. *Items still needed for the food pantry* include, pasta sauce, canned meat (tuna, chicken, ham, etc.), meal helpers (hamburger, tuna, chicken, etc.), mac and cheese, pudding/jello mixes, peanut butter, jelly, stuffing mix, canned pumpkin, canned veggies, canned fruit, canned soup/broth, baked beans, pancake mix, hot and cold cereal, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste and bath soap. Also, monetary donations are needed to purchase items for the Thanksgiving & Christmas food baskets. Thanks again!

### Our Savior's Youth Update

November 2013:

Can you believe that November is here already? When November comes, we start to think about Thanksgiving and giving thanks for all the things we have. We all get together with family and friends and celebrate all the things that we are thankful for. We give thanks for our families, our homes, our health and jobs and numerous other things. But do you remember to give thanks for God?

1 Chronicles 16:34 says: **Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.**

The Bible tells us that every good and every perfect gift comes from God. At Thanksgiving we should be thankful for our God and all His gifts. He is the one that is responsible for all the things we have and are thankful for. We should also be thankful that He loves us so much that He sent His one and only Son, Jesus to die on the cross to save us from all of our sins. What a wonderful thing to be thankful for.

#### Things you need to remember

Penny War has begun. Bring in your loose change to help raise money for gifts for the Salvation Army.

**Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>** Leaf Raking

**Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>** Bake Sale after both services

**November 17<sup>th</sup>** all Sunday school children in grades Pre-Nursery through fourth will be singing there praises to the Lord. This is such a wonderful opportunity for our youngest members to be involved in the church service and is always a lot of fun for them and brings enjoyment to those who listen to them. We will be having an activity for our Pre Nursery – Fourth Grade students following late service until 1 p.m

Youth Activity Night is on **November 20<sup>th</sup>** from 5:00-6:15 p.m. We will be working on things for the holiday parade.

**December 1<sup>st</sup>** Jaycees Holiday Parade. Meet at 4:30. More information to follow.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** The annual Christmas program is fast approaching. Rehearsal dates will be **Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>** from 1:00-2:15 and **Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>** from 1-3. A final rehearsal will take place on the day of the program at 9:15-10. **Our program will take place on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>** at 10:30 a.m. The Christmas program will replace the late service that Sunday. ALL STUDENTS IN PRE NURSERY -8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ARE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE.

Thank you for your continued support of the children of Our Savior's. It is greatly appreciated.

God's Thanksgiving Blessings to you and your families.

Brett Meulbroek  
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### Quilters' Group

We thank the Quilters' Group for their labor of love in creating so many beautiful quilts for distribution to third-world countries by Lutheran World Relief. These quilts will serve as shelter and provide warmth, but most importantly, they are a reflection of the love of Christ.

## PARISH NURSE NEWS

Dear Friends in Christ,

Benign paroxysmal positional vertigo (BPPV) is a disorder arising in the inner ear. Symptoms are repeated episodes of positional vertigo (a spinning sensation caused by changes in the position of the head.)

The cause is a collection of calcium crystals known as otoconia or otoliths in the labyrinth (intricate communicating passages) of the inner ear. In BPPV, the otoconia are dislodged from their usual position and migrate over time into one of the semicircular canals. When the head is reoriented relative to gravity, the gravity-dependent movement of the otoconia causes abnormal fluid endolymph (transparent fluid within the labyrinth) displacement and a resultant sensation of vertigo.

It can be triggered by:

- Tilting the head
- Rolling over in bed
- Looking up or under
- Sudden head movement
- Post-head injury

BPPV may be made worse by any number of modifiers which may vary between individuals:

- Changes in barometric pressure
- Lack of sleep
- Stress

There are several treatment options that focus on repositioning the otoconia so they do not cause symptoms. These involve positioning and repositioning the body. They can be received by a health care professional or one can be trained to do them in one's own.

There are drugs that may be prescribed such as meclizine and scopolamine. Other drug therapies that are intended for other diseases may also be tried to alleviate the symptoms of vertigo.

Surgical treatment does exist but carries the same risk as any neurosurgical procedure and is reserved as a last resort for severe and persistent cases.

(Info from Wikipedia)

Blood pressure screenings on November 3.

### Office Hours:

Monday: 3:00 – 5:00 pm

Thursday: 4:00-5:55pm

**No office hours on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 28.**

### **Mary Martha November Newsletter Article**

The Mary Martha Guild met on October 1 and had a lively discussion about the many events that are happening at Our Savior's in the next few months. We were happy to greet our new member, Lou Ann Stroo.

We have been hearing from Clara Murphy for some time regarding the rummage sale and have been stocking up on things to donate. Many of our members were active in helping with this endeavor in past years and are volunteering to help again. Mary Martha members Ann Fredricks and Joan Hering are in charge of the Bake Sale and reminded us that there was a special need for more baked goods this year because of the two-day sale.

Janine Bergeron and Lou Ann Stroo spoke to us of plans for the Fall Luncheon which will be taking the place of the November 5<sup>th</sup> Election Day Mary Martha Holiday Faire. We agreed to help in any way possible and many of our members signed up for various areas of need. JoAnne Bartzen and Marge Siefert will be selling the familiar Mary Martha cards and dishcloths. We are looking forward to both contributing to and shopping at the Craft and Treasures area and purchasing goodies at the Bake Sale. Our members plan to attend the luncheon as a group and are certain we will enjoy being on the "guest" end of this extravaganza!

We will again be selling Christmas cookies between services on December 15<sup>th</sup>. Look for us!!!!

After our meeting was adjourned, we enjoyed fellowship with one another while eating delicious spice cakes served with coffee by our October hostesses, Diane Fischer and Lou Ann Stroo.

**As the winter season approaches . . .** procedures are in place for dealing with inclement weather. If worship services are to be cancelled the stations below are notified as soon as possible. There is no need to risk the safety of our members when travel, even short distances, can be a risk. Please check the church answering machine at 452-4005 or check with: radio station, **WHBL (1330 AM)**; or television station, **WTMJ (Channel 4)**. For our confirmation students and parents, if the public schools cancel classes or have early release due to inclement weather on a Wednesday there will be NO CEP classes that day.

## RUMMAGE SALE REPORT

Rummage Sale Update: Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Your unbelievable outpouring of donations this year really was overwhelming! The hours of your time in sorting, pricing, and displaying articles were very much appreciated.

A special shout out of appreciation goes out to Dolf Brauer who organized the grilling, Lisa Priebe who was the kitchen maven manager, Dennis and Mary Mickelson who created the fantastic outside signs as well as the majority of the indoor signage, Ann Fredricks and Joan Hering who organized and manned the bake sale, and Mike Feudner who was at church every day assisting with product placement and offering ideas (and doing a lot of grunt work). Many others donated hours and hours of their time to make this event a success--there were times that I did not see it getting done in time for us to open the doors on Friday, but it was done. Believe me, many prayers went up to our Lord asking for His guiding hand in our efforts.

This year's rummage sale grossed \$5936.36; the net after expenses was \$5535.09. This money will be used towards reducing our church remodeling debt.

Discussions have already been held on how to improve next year's sale to make it bigger and better. This will only occur with the participation of the entire congregation. Save your items starting now for next year. If you plan to get new furniture and your existing furniture is still viable, please tuck it away in an unused portion of your home so you can donate it to next year's sale. You cannot

imagine the joy on some of the shopper's faces when they got some of our items. One lady was thrilled to get a table with four chairs because she does not have one to eat meals at--she uses TV trays. She got it when the items went half price and had to borrow money from a friend to get it...because she only had \$10 to last her through next week before her next check came. One person's trash is another person's treasure as the saying goes.

Also plan on volunteering your time to make the sale a success...individuals who participated this year had the opportunity to meet and chat with others forging friendships and creating more of an identity with the church. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Clara Murphy 457-2658

## NEWS FROM OTHER CHURCHES

**ELECTION DAY CHILI SUPPER . . .** St. Thomas Lutheran Church, N4097 County Road M (on the corner of N and M just off Highway 28), Waldo, is holding its annual Election Day Chili Supper on Tuesday, November 5, 2013, from 4-7 p.m. Meal includes chili, crackers, cheese, bread, a drink and torte. Adults are \$6, children (ages 5-10) \$3, and children under 4 are free. Take outs of chili (quart) and tortes are available.

**Join us for laughs as Lutheran High School presents . . .** Comedy Cafe: A Night of One Act Plays, "A la Mode", Friday, Nov. 8th & Saturday, Nov. 9th at 7:00 pm. Five skits will feature over 30 Lutheran High students performing in a number of roles throughout the night. Tickets are on sale now for the performances in the LHS gymnasium. \$10 premium front row table seats include a specially prepared dessert served during intermission. General Admission tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for students. Purchase your tickets at the LHS School office. Be prepared to laugh out loud. Thank you for supporting our students and the arts at Lutheran High.

**Dial 452-PRAY Annual Meeting . . .** Dial 452-PRAY will hold its annual meeting on Monday, Nov. 11, at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall at Trinity Lutheran Church, downtown Sheboygan. Tortes will be served followed by a short business meeting. The program for the evening will be an organ concert/demonstration by Brian Heinlein. All are welcome. Please enter from the north parking lot.

**ATTENTION CRAFTERS AND HOME BASED VENDORS . . .** Bethlehem Lutheran Church and School ( 1121 Georgia Avenue , Sheboygan ) is sponsoring a Crafter/Vendor Fair on Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. We currently are looking for crafters and/or vendors to SIGN UP to participate in this event. To print application visit our website, [www.ourbethlehem.com](http://www.ourbethlehem.com). Go to school site, The Star newsletter of 9-27-13 or contact **Brenda Kanz**, co-chair, at 920-452-7103. Please spread the word and invite other crafters to participate. ALL are welcome. Thank you.

# November 2013

## Our Savior's Lutheran Church

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>3</b> 7:30-10:30am Blood Pressure Screening 8:00am Divine Worship with Communion 9:15am Family Bible Hour 10:30am Divine Worship 11:30am International Potluck	<b>4</b> 10:00am Bible Class 3:00-5:00pm Parish Nurse 6:30pm Board Meetings	<b>5 Election Day</b> 11:00am & 12:30pm Fall Luncheon 7:00pm Scouts	<b>6</b> 3:30pm CEP 5:30pm Handbells 6:45pm Choir	<b>7</b> 4:00-5:55pm Parish Nurse 6:00pm Divine Worship with Communion		<b>9</b> 12:00-4:00pm CEP Leaf Raking
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